



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : ATTN: AF
Tadashi FUJII et al. : Confirmation No. 1705
Serial No. 09/762,230 : Docket No. 2001-0116A
Filed February 5, 2001 : Group Art Unit 1652

GENE PARTICIPATING IN THE
PRODUCTION OF HOMOGLUTAMIC
ACID AND ITS USE

: Examiner Christian L. Fronda

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is in complete response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2003 (*i.e.*, Paper No. 11). A Petition for Extension of Time requesting a three-month extension of time, a Notice of Appeal, and a corresponding fee accompany this response, which is being filed on or before its now current due date of December 12, 2003. Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

**RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP**